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Pinewood Studios: Community Liaison Group

Further to the Community Liaison Group (CLG) meeting held on 19 January 2022, we are pleased to set out our response to the issues raised by CLG members and the public.

Following a review of our notes, this letter responds to the following issues raised:

1. Realignment of Phase 3 fence to curve the South East corner;
2. Option for PSDF Permissive Path to be DDA compliant; and
3. Fire Safety and notification system to residents.

1. Realignment of Phase 3 fence to curve the South East corner

Following our decision to replace the outer security fence from the existing palisade to a wooden farm style fence to improve the aesthetics for the residents of Pinewood Green, Pinewood has also agreed to review options to realign the profile of the South East corner to provide a curve instead of a 90 degree corner.

This is still being reviewed internally with input from our ecology consultants LUC. Once an internal decision has been reached for a new fence alignment, we will share our proposals with the residents in the first instance then the CLG.

2. Option for PSDF Permissive Path to be DDA compliant.

As outlined within the CLG there is no requirement from Buckinghamshire Council for the permissive path to be DDA compliant. There are no other DDA compliant footpaths in the interconnecting network and there would be design and ecology complications in delivering such a path. This is because the ground is not level and the proposal would require the provision of wheelchair accessible lifts and the removal of trees to provide a wider path.



Given the complications, ecology impact and not wanting to delay the construction and opening of the path, we are not looking to deliver a DDA compliant path. Therefore, we are proposing to deliver a path as outlined to the CLG and in alignment with Buckinghamshire Council's requirements to satisfy our PSDF planning obligation.

3. Fire Safety and notification system to residents.

Notification to local residents is only regulatory required where the location is a Top Tier COMAH (Control of Major Accident Hazards) site, which would have a Public Information Zone (PIZ). In these locations residents would be informed of any significant incidents that could impact them. Examples of Top Tier COMAH sites include; fuel depots, nuclear sites, chemical plants.

In these locations there would be a requirement to involve the community in local emergency planning and consultation of risks with the Local Authority Emergency Planning team.

Although Pinewood is not a Top Tier Risk COMAH, if a significant fire were to break out that could result in a public health/safety requirement, action and notification would be the responsibility of the Local Authority Incident management team.

As witnessed with the recent fire at Pinewood East, we acted in line with our normal communication procedure by providing a statement on our website and providing a notification via social media platforms.

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